Providing Assistance to the United States after a Disaster



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Background

Hurricane Katrina response: the first time the USG accepted international assistance on a large scale.

151: # of countries and international organizations offering cash and material assistance



International Assistance System (IAS)

The system is a set of policies and procedures to:

- Accept or decline formal offers of assistance from other governments
- Procure resources not available in the U.S.
- Receive and distribute donated goods



International Assistance System

The system does not address offers:

- Of cash
- To state, local, or tribal governments
- From private sources
- Through bilateral or military to military agreements



Interagency Coordination















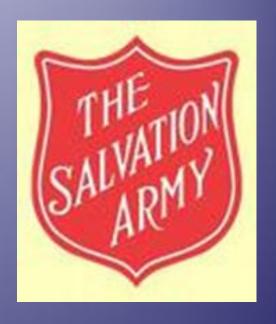
How to Provide International Assistance

- Make a CASH DONATION to a Non-Governmental Agency.
- Offer material assistance through the U.S.
 Embassy or Consulate in your country
- Any U.S. requests for assistance will be transmitted by the State Department to your Embassy in the United States



Cash donations to NGOs









Impacted Foreign Nationals

Mass Care:

- Sheltering
- Feeding
- Distribution of Emergency Relief Supplies
- Basic First Aid
- Disaster Welfare Information

Emergency Assistance:

- Mass Evacuation
- Family Reunification
- Household Pets and Service Animals
- Crisis Counseling
- Disaster Legal Services



SOCIAL MEDIA OPTIONS

NEW WAYS OF COMMUNICATING:

www.fema.gov Spanish: www.fema.gov/esp

www.facebook.com/fema

http://m.fema.gov Spanish: http://m.fema.gov/esp

www.twitter.com/fema

www.youtube.com/fema

http://blog.fema.gov

www.fema.gov/widgets

Communications

PRIOR TO, DURING and AFTER A DISASTER:

Know Your Risk and What To Do

- Contact your local emergency management office to learn about evacuation routes and emergency plans.
- Get additional information from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (fema.gov), Ready Campaign (Ready.gov) Citizen's Corps (citizencorps.gov), the American Red Cross (redcross.org) and NOAA's National Hurricane Center (nhc.noaa.gov).
- Listen to the radio or television and NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards for current information and be prepared to act quickly.

Evacuate if you are directed by local authorities to do so. Be sure to follow their instructions.

Questions?



